

Rockingham County Republican Party

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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As the Chairman of the Rockingham County Republican Party, I am deeply concerned about the effect that prolonging the federal government's lawsuit against Microsoft would have on businesses in our community and other communities across North Carolina. I want to request that Judge Kollar Kotelly approve the settlement that is pending.


The proposed settlement will be good for all parties. There is a perception that Microsoft's competitors played a role in trying to work against Microsoft's position with politicians and the media. We don't need more tug of war between these litigants. We need to accept the settlement and move forward.

Because the economy is in poor condition, it is imperative that we put this matter behind us. Both the industry and the government attorneys need to focus on other matters, in my opinion. As Chairman of the Rockingham County Republican Party, I am encouraging all of our members to support the settlement.

As I inspect the components of the settlement, I believe it to be fair to both sides, with Microsoft guaranteeing certain provisions and the government getting enforcement provisions never before seen in an anti-trust settlement.

I hope that Judge Kollar Kotelly approves this settlement.

Sincerely,


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Chairman

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